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## **Broadband Expansion for Rural Oregon Passes Oregon Senate**

*HB 3201 will bring in up to \$700 million in federal funding to expand access to high-speed internet coverage in rural communities*

**SALEM, Ore** - Today the Oregon Senate passed [House Bill 3201](#) with bipartisan support. The bill will leverage [up to \\$700 million in federal funding](#) to expand high-speed internet coverage in Oregon.

“Everyone in Oregon needs access to the internet to keep up in the 21st Century,” **said chief sponsor of the bill Senator Aaron Woods (D - Wilsonville)**. “Internet access should not be limited by where you live. It’s a necessity in this day and age. These funds will build towards digital equity throughout the state, improving internet access for Oregonians in rural and tribal communities.”

HB 3201 is a product of a broadband workgroup that included stakeholders from the Oregon Broadband Office (OBO), front-line community leaders, and public and private sector representatives.

Oregon Senate Democrats’ 2023 [“Oregon Works” agenda](#) includes promoting economic opportunity in all Oregon communities.

HB 3201 is one of the hundreds of bills that Senate Democrats rescued by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout. Thanks to Senate Democrats showing up, doing their jobs, and delivering results for the people of Oregon, HB 3201 now moves to the Governor’s desk for consideration.

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